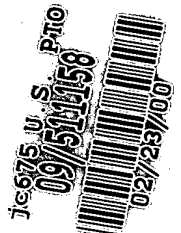


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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55,
Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on the
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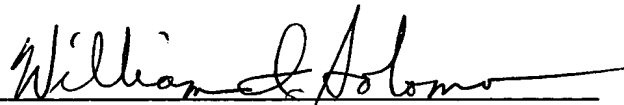
- (1) 08-233855, filed in Japan on
September 4, 1996;
- (2) 08-233857, filed in Japan on
September 4, 1996;
- (3) 08-249769, filed in Japan on
September 20, 1996; and
- (4) 09-128267, filed in Japan on May 19,
1997.

As indicated in the Notification of Acceptance of
application under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 mailed
April 20, 1999 in prior application Serial No. 09/242,903, the

above-listed prior Japanese applications received in the U.S.
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Respectfully submitted,

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